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Subject: Question regarding World Trade Center #7 report

Dear NIST,

In reading your report regarding the collapse of World Trade Center #7, I did not see anything about the likelihood that fires were the main reason for the collapse. The reason I ask this is that since fire has never brought down a building in this manner before and it is indeed a rare event, what is the probability that we have found the most likely reason? Is there a level of confidence that can be stated as a percentage?

It would seem that this is an important aspect of any hypothesis to be able to say with a high level of confidence that we have found the reason for an event to have happened, in this case the complete collapse of a 47 story building.

Thanks and look forward to an answer to this inquiry.

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